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A communications link between you and your government, this publication intends to keep you informed about the “happenings” in your town.

Message from Town Hall

Beach Nourishment Update

Nags Head's first ever large scale beach nourishment project is moving forward with the creation of a preliminary construction timeline and the approval of the Town's bond financing request by a state commission.

In a preliminary pre-construction meeting, Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Company, Oak Brook, IL, said it expects to begin mobilizing equipment in the south end of Nags Head in mid-May. Sand pumping may begin as early as mid June with the arrival of the company's first dredge to the area. The current plan, which may change, is to begin pumping sand in areas south of the Outer Banks Pier, which is located near Mile Post 18 in the 8900 block of South Old Oregon Inlet Rd. This phase of the project is expected to finish at the southern town line near Mile Post 21 sometime in mid to late July.

During the first or second week of July, Great Lakes will move more dredges to the area to begin sand pumping operations that will progress north from the Outer Banks Pier to the project's terminus at the Bonnett Street public beach access near Mile Post 11 in the 3000 block of South Virginia Dare Trail. The final section of the project to be finished will be the northernmost mile of shoreline ending at the Bonnett Street public beach access.

All sand pumping operations, which will occur 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, are expected to be complete by October 1, 2011. However, weather and other issues, such as mechanical delays, may affect the schedule.

Great Lakes expects to close about 400-500 feet of oceanfront in each pump out area per day. However, during parts of July and August when several dredges are likely to be working concurrently on the project, more than one 400-500 foot section of the beach will be closed at a time. Pipe may be present on many parts of the oceanfront, requiring beach goers to cross a small sand bridge over the pipe to get to the ocean. As soon



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as a section is completed, it will be reopened. There will be a wider dry sand beach after nourishment, giving people large areas seaward of the pipeline for recreation. For the most current information on beach closures, visit the Town of Nags Head's web site at www.townofnagshead.net. Project progress will be posted to the site as it becomes available.

At their April 5 meeting, the

North Carolina Local Government Commission approved the Town's request for the issuance of \$18 million in special obligation bonds. Approximately \$10 million of these bonds will be paid back through a 1% increase to the Dare County occupancy tax, with the remaining funds to be reimbursed through a town tax increase. The Nags Head Board of Commissioners has proposed, but not yet adopted, a town-wide tax increase of 2 cents (from the current town tax rate of 15.75 cents to 17.75 cents)

and a tax increase of 16 cents for the oceanside from Bonnett Street south to the National Park Service line. The Board will take action on the tax proposals, which still may be adjusted, during their upcoming budget process. The remaining \$18 million needed for the project will come in the form of a disbursement from the Dare County Beach Nourishment Fund.

Proper Addressing Helps Us Find Your Property in an Emergency

To ensure a quick response to your home or business in an emergency, be sure your address numbers meet the following criteria:

- Numbers should be placed on the side of the home facing the street or between the home and the street so they can be seen plainly from the street.
- When a home is more than 100 feet from the street, numbers should be placed near the street next to the walk, driveway, or entrance to the home.
- Numbers should be at least 4 inches in height and should contrast in color with their background.
- Oceanfront homes must have house numbering both on the oceanside of the home (on the beach access so that beachgoers

can identify their location in case of emergency) and on the streetside.

If this standard is not met, you may be fined \$50.

So You Need Numbering - Where Do You Place It?

Green and white reflective numbers can be placed on your mailbox or its supporting post. If this is not feasible, a piece of 4x4x6 pressure treated wood place one end (about 2 feet) in the ground leaving one end (4 feet) sticking out of the ground, paint it white and place the green and white reflective numbers on both the north and south sides of the post (please place the post on your property and not in the right of way). However, reflective green and white numbers placed on the streetside of your home



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(and in the case of oceanfront homes numbers should also be on the home's oceanside) in the most visible area are the best solution.

In addition to ensuring a quick response to an emergency, house numbering can also help renters find your home quickly and easily. Ensure that your renter's vacations are worry free by installing street numbers on your home. As a community and as a team we can achieve a safer Nags Head.

50th Anniversary - Update

The Town of Nags Head is celebrating its 50th anniversary June 14, 2011 with several events this spring.

May

May 18

4 - 7 pm - Tours will take place at Town Hall of the Town's permanent art collection with many of the artists in attendance - reception/event is free, snacks will be provided.

Tuesdays and Thursdays

2 - 4 pm docents will be available to conduct tours of the Town's art collection.

June

June 14 - 18

Carnival at Windmill Point - rides, games, food concessions, and vendors

June 14

10 am at Windmill Point - Opening ceremonies, presentation of Town gift, Town Lightkeeper ceremony, birthday cake-cutting/eating, raffle drawings (raffle for homemade quilt "Nags Head Ocean Waves" designed/pieced/quilted by local quilters and jewelry from Jewelry by Gail)

Community Watch Golf Tournament at Village at Nags Head course

GALA EVENT! Social at Jennette's Pier, 6 - 10 pm - tickets \$50/person - band is Old Enough To Know Better playing from 7 - 10 pm - Cost includes heavy hors appetizers and beverages - Only 200 tickets available.

Purchase a Commemorative Gift

Purchase a t-shirt, sticker, flag, or keepsake cookbook.

Buy a Raffle Ticket

Win a beautiful handmade quilt or white pearl necklace by purchasing raffle tickets for \$1/each or 5 for \$6.

All items, including the raffle tickets, can be purchased at Town Hall from 8:30 am - 5 pm Monday - Friday.

To help with this celebration, contact John Ratzenberger, Chair, 50th Anniversary Committee
home 252-480-0752, cell 252-573-9016, JohnRatzenberger@earthlink.net

The Town 50th Anniversary Committee meets the second and last Thursday of each month.
Please monitor www.townofnagshead.net for more information.

Nags Head Fire & Rescue - Get to Know Us

Nags Head Fire and Rescue is a combination of both paid career and volunteer/reserve firefighters. The career staff, made up of Chief Kevin Zorc, six captains, and 18 firefighters, operates out of Station 16, at Mile Post 14.5 on South Croatan Highway and Station 21, at Mile Post 18.5 on South Old Oregon Inlet Road. Both stations are staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The entire career staff are certified firefighters and trained as Emergency Medical Technicians as well. Many of the Department's reserve firefighters have, or are pursuing, the same levels of certification as the career staff. Fire and Rescue is always looking for men and women to volunteer. This is an excellent way to serve the community, broaden personal horizons, and even begin a career in the fire service.

The Department, naturally, responds to fire calls, as well as many other calls as well. For instance, Fire and Rescue responds to medical calls along with Dare County Emergency Medical Services. In addition, firefighters often respond to ocean rescue calls. Nags Head's Ocean Rescue division, which falls under Fire and Rescue, is administered by a year round Ocean Rescue captain, while lifeguard positions are filled seasonally. During the vacation season, lifeguards staff 10 stands on

the beach and patrol on ATVs and pickup trucks. In the off season, when the lifeguard force is reduced, the fire companies are the primary responders to incidents on the beach and in the sound.

Additionally, Nags Head Fire and Rescue responds to motor vehicle accidents on the streets and highways in town. If needed, the Department also provides, and receives, "mutual aid" with other surrounding jurisdictions. This means Fire and Rescue will send assistance and equipment to incidents outside Nags Head if needed. Similarly, those same jurisdictions will send resources to the town in the event of a major incident.

Since Fire and Rescue's primary interest is trying to prevent emergencies from happening in the first place, a considerable amount of time is spent educating the public on matters that concern safety. One of the most vital endeavors is the fire inspection program. Each year, the Department inspects commercial structures while enforcing state fire codes and educating occupants about making their businesses safer for their employees and customers. Fire and Rescue also uses this time to establish pre-plans that will help during an emergency. Fire and Rescue also frequently visits schools

to educate children about fire safety and what to do if a fire breaks out at their school or home.

The Department welcomes the chance to get the word out by speaking or exhibiting at civic and community functions. One of the Department's most popular events is the National Fire Prevention Week Open House held every October. Kids can sit in the fire equipment or meet firefighters, while parents have child safety seats installed or inspected by certified personnel. In fact, parents can stop by the fire stations any time to have a child safety seat installed or inspected.

As a reminder, don't forget to change your smoke and/or carbon monoxide detector batteries when you change your clocks in the spring and fall of each year. Fire and Rescue usually has a limited number of replacement smoke detectors and batteries available to citizens.

In closing, Fire and Rescue members are committed to the community's safety. Stop by a fire station to meet the firefighters, tour the facility, or introduce your child to fire safety.

Stay safe and have a wonderful summer!

Nags Head Police Department

Update

With the emergence of spring and sunny days upon us, we are all itching to get out of the house and enjoy the wonderful weather and beautiful beach with our four-legged friends. The Animal Control Division of the Nags Head Police Department would like to provide some reminders to pet owners for the upcoming season.

Several Nags Head Town Ordinances are important to remember when taking our dogs out for a stroll down the beach:

1. Dogs should remain on the leash at all times. Although you love your pet, others may be scared or frightened when they see a dog running loose or running toward them. Even more, when dogs are running loose they can be easily distracted and lost.
2. Mandatory removal of feces. We love our beach, so let's keep it clean. Each public beach access has doggy stations with bags provided for owners, so there are no more excuses. Also, it's just gross; no one wants to step in dog feces, especially when walking barefoot on the beach. More importantly, health hazards exist where feces is not disposed of properly. Diseases

can be passed from pet waste to humans:

- Campylobacteriosis – a bacterial infection carried by dogs and cats that frequently causes diarrhea in humans.
- Salmonellosis – the most common type of bacterial infection transmitted to humans by other animals. Symptoms include fever, muscle aches, headache, vomiting and diarrhea.
- Toxocariasis – roundworms usually transmitted from dogs to humans, and may cause vision loss, rash, fever or cough.
- Toxoplasmosis – a parasite that can cause birth defects if a woman becomes infected during pregnancy. This can also be a problem for people with depressed immune systems.

The same bacteria that make pet waste dangerous in parks and common areas, makes water unsafe for swimming or drinking. Children and others can become ill when they dunk their heads or accidentally get a mouthful of polluted water. Plus, when waste gets into shellfish beds, it can make



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clams and oysters unsafe to eat.

3. Required Rabies Vaccination. All dogs and cats should maintain a current rabies vaccination. This is important for your pet's health as well as the safety and health of others.

These ordinances are chargeable offenses. Not only can an ordinance violation be issued, but violating these ordinances also violates state law and if necessary stricter enforcement action can be taken.

Please remember that these ordinances are in place to provide a safe and happy environment for humans and pets. Although they may be bothersome, they are important in maintaining safety in our community. If you have any questions in reference to these ordinances or any other animal control issue, please contact the Police Dept. at 252-441-6386.

Sanitation Collection Schedule

Residential

East Route

Properties south of NC 12/1243 intersection (Whalebone Junction), properties located on NC 12, and properties south of MP 11.5 that lie between NC 12 and US 158 (including Old Nags Head Place)



Summer Schedule (Begins 3rd Monday in May)

Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday - Collection begins 3 a.m.

Winter Schedule (Begins last Monday in September)

Monday and Friday - Collection begins 5 a.m.

West Route

Properties west of US 158, properties north of MP 11.5/

Old Nags Head Place that lie between NC 12 and US 158, and properties accessed from US 64/264

Same Schedule All Year

Tuesday and Friday - Collection begins 5 a.m. (winter) and 3 a.m. (summer)

Please roll out carts facing the street the day prior to collection day and back to the house on collection day.

Having a special event and need to rent extra carts?

Call Public Works, 252-441-1122.

Commercial

Summer Schedule (Begins 3rd Monday in May)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday - Collection begins 3 a.m.

Winter Schedule (Begins last Monday in September)

Monday and Friday - Collection begins 5 a.m.

Bulk Item/Brush Drop Off/Collection

Bulk items/brush can be dropped off throughout the year at the Town's collection site at 2211 Lark Avenue, across from Public Works. A permit, which can be obtained at Public Works, is required to use this site.

Site hours are:

Monday, Thursday, and Saturday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

From October 1 through April 30, the Town will collect bulk/brush items from your curb by appointment. Call Nags Head Public Works at 252-441-1122 for more information.



RECYCLING INFORMATION

Curbside Collection

Curbside recycling is provided by Outer Banks Hauling (252-480-6699). For \$7.82/month, Outer Banks Hauling will provide a recycling container in which to place your recyclables. The container will be emptied every Tuesday. Outer Banks Hauling offers a seasonal service (3 month minimum contract) for residential properties that may not need recyclable collection all year.

Town Collection Points

Open 24 hours/day

- Nags Head Town Hall
- Nags Head Public Works
- Huron St. Public Beach Access

Town Boards and Committees

Board of Commissioners

Mayor Bob Oakes, Mayor Pro Tem Wayne Gray,
Doug Remaley, Anna Sadler, and M. Renée Cahoon

Planning Board

Chair Robert Edwards, Vice-Chair Susie Walters,
Carl "Pogie" Worsley, Angelina Lowe, Clyde Futrell,
Tom Haddon, Marvin Demers, and alternate Barbara
Gernat

Board of Adjustments

Chair Jack Cooper, Vice-Chair Margaret Suppler,
Susan Boncek, Judy Burnette, John Mascaro, and
alternates Matt Whelan, Bobby Gentry, and Linda
Foster

Serve your community by volunteering for a Town board or committee. Applications are kept on file for two years for consideration by the Board of Commissioners when vacancies occur. If interested, call the Town Clerk at 252-449-2009 or obtain an application from www.townofnagshead.net.

Personnel Grievance Panel

John Ratzenberger, Perry White, and George Barnes

Citizens Advisory Committee

Chair John Ratzenberger, Susan Boncek, John White,
Marty Moore, Suzanne Tate, Bobby Gentry, Anthony
Maskello, Perry White, and Seth Johnson

Toni Parker, C. Patrick Pritchard, and Perry White

Dangerous Animal Appeal Board

Bob Oakes, Perry White, Bobby Gentry, and Jeffrey
Ackerman

Municipal Complex Information

Town Manager

Cliff Ogburn

Finance Officer

Kim Kenny

Fire Chief

Kevin Zorc

Planning and Development Director

Elizabeth Teague

Police Chief

Kevin Brinkley

Public Works Director

Dave Clark

Town Clerk

Carolyn Morris

Public Information

5401 S. Croatan Highway
Administration, Finance/Tax, Water Billing, Planning/
Development
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
252-441-5508, Email: info@townofnagshead.net

Public Works

2200 Lark Avenue
Public Facilities Maintenance, Sanitation, Fleet Maintenance,
Water Distribution and Operations
Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
252-441-1122
Email: publicworks@townofnagshead.net

Police

Emergency **9-1-1**
Non Emergency 252-473-3444
5401 S. Croatan Highway
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
252-441-6386, Fax 252-441-7335
Email: police@townofnagshead.net

Fire and Ocean Rescue

Emergency **9-1-1**
Non Emergency 252-473-3444
Fire Station 16, 5314 S. Croatan Highway
24 Hours, 252-441-5909, Fax 252-441-8268
Fire Station 21, 8806 S. Old Oregon Inlet Road
24 Hours, 252-441-2910, Fax 252-441-3978
Email: fire@townofnagshead.net



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Town Meeting Calendar

Agendas for Board of Commissioners meetings are published in advance in *The Coastland Times*. All meetings will be held in the Board Room unless otherwise specified. Agenda and background material for the Board of Commissioners meetings can be found on the Town's web site at www.townofnagshead.net.

Board of Commissioners

Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. An adjourned session is held the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. when the Board has a need to hold a second meeting during the month. Meeting dates are subject to change in the event of a conflict (though this occurs rarely).

Planning Board

Meets the third Tuesday of each month (except in December when they meet the second Tuesday instead) at 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Meeting dates are subject to change in the event of a conflict (though this occurs rarely).

Board of Adjustments

Meets the second Thursday of each month at 9 a.m. in the Board Room when there is a case to be heard by them.

Community Watch

Meets the second Tuesday of every other month (January, March, May, and October) at 7 p.m. in the Police Training Room. Call the Police Department at 252-441-6386 for meeting times for the August and December meetings.

Dangerous Animal Appeal Board

Meets as needed in the Board Room.

Citizens Advisory Committee

Meets as needed in the Board Room.

Personnel Grievance Panel

Meets in the Board Room on an as-needed basis when a grievance is referred to them.